

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 05371

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, SY  
SUBJ: STATE OF HEALTH OF PRESIDENT AL-ASSAD

REF: ALGIERS 2578

THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. BOTH YOUR SOURCE AND HIS SUB-SOURCE ARE PROBABLY ACCURATELY REPORTING WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD. DAMASCUS IS AWASH WITH RUMORS, SOME FROM SOURCES WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS, ABOUT ASSAD'S HEALTH WITH MOST SAYING HE HAS LEUKEMIA. OTHERS WITH EQUALLY GOOD ACCESS CLAIM NOTHING IS WRONG. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF REPORTS ARE ACCURATE, BUT NOTE THAT ASSAD IS CURRENTLY VIGOROUS AND FULLY COMPETENT. SEELYE

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